General Description: A scenic day hike under the pink cliffs of Powell Point. Views

of hoodoos, arches, and spectacular vistas. For a longer day hike or multi-day hike see Henderson Canyon Tr. No. 050 and

Burro Canyon Tr. No. 007.

**Mileage:** 4 miles one way **Difficulty:** Hike: moderate

Bike: not permitted

Horse: difficult

ATV: not permitted

**Trailhead access:** Graded dirt road. Turn around for trailers.

Elevation loss / gain: 735 feet

Water availability: No reliable water.

Hazards / obstacles: Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather

year-round. Ridges, saddles, view points and open meadows

are dangerous during thunderstorms. Difficulty of wash

crossings can change with every storm. Wash crossings may

be impassable during or after heavy rain.

**Topo maps:** 7.5 minute topo: Pine Lake

**The Trailhead:** From Escalante drive 14 miles west on highway 12. Turn right (north) onto a gravel dirt road (FR 148) and follow the Stump Springs Trailhead signs for 6 miles to the trailhead.

The Trail: The trail begins at the north end of the parking lot next to the information kiosk. The pink cliffs of Powell Point you see ahead will be the prominent view as you circle around its base. The trail gently descends and reaches a gate at 0.45 miles. Please keep the gate closed. Just beyond the gate is a wash crossing that may require horseback riders to dismount. For the next 2 miles the trail descends into and climbs out of several other drainages like this which may be challenging for riders. At 0.75 miles there is a nice viewpoint looking to the south. At 1.5 miles you reach the top of the ridge. From this point you can see one of the arches below Powell Point, the pink cliffs of Bryce Canyon National Park, and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. For those looking for a shorter hike this makes a good turn around point. From here the trail will cross a few more washes then begin its decent to the junction with the Henderson Canyon Tr. No. 050. Return to the Stump Springs Trailhead the same way you came.

